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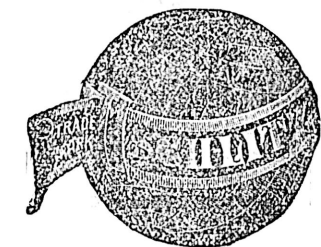
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Hundreds Are Slain

Chinese Left Many Dead on the Field in Suling Pass Fight.

Germans on the Other Hand Had Only One Man Wounded

Denial of Report That Russians Have Landed Marines in Korea.

Berlin, March 12.—The war office has received the following despatch from Count von Waldersee:

"Peking, March 11.—In the fight west of Suling Pass we had only one slightly wounded. The Chinese left 250 dead on the field.

"Our cavalry, with quick-firing guns, pursued the Chinese 20 miles. A battalion remains at Pen Ping and westward from the great wall to prevent a return of the Chinese troops."

Official circles in Berlin declare that it is impossible to judge here exactly what leads to the Chinese activity around the great wall.

The Russian papers are spreading reports that the movement is engineered by Gen. Tuang Fu Hsing and Prince Tuan for the reconquest of Manchuria. It is to the interest of Russia to circulate this view. On the other hand, it is believed in Berlin that the Chinese troops near the great wall have but slight power of resistance, as the report of Col. Ledebur's engagement seems to indicate. It is also believed these Chinese troops are inferior to those sent against the allies before the capture of Peking.

The statement that Russia insists upon China's signature to the Manchurian convention rests upon Chinese authority; but Germany has no reason to suppress such information, and the fact remains that the agreement has not yet been signed. Nothing is known here as to the published report that German capitalists are negotiating with high Chinese officials for the erection of arsenals at Nanking, Woo Chang and other points, but the rumor is not believed in Berlin.

The statement current that 600 Russian marines with guns have been landed at Sma San Pho (near Fu San, the terminus of the railway running through Korea, on the Strait of Korea, or Hwanghae strait, which adjoins the Strait of Korea, and which with Kamsan strait separates Korea from Japan) is regarded as unfounded. In authoritative quarters here it is pointed out that the agreement between Russia and Japan pledges Russia not to land troops in Korea without notifying Japan.

London, March 12.—The Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday and giving details of the storming of a gate in the great wall by Col. Lebur's column, March 8, says: "The Germans captured the Chung Cung pass between the provinces of Chihli and Shansi, after seven hours' fighting.

"The Chinese held an apparently impregnable position on the great wall at all the highest parts of the pass. They had several thousand troops, and artillery of all descriptions. The Germans attacked them with 600 infantry and two howitzers. The turning movement was over an almost impassable country, occupied seven hours and was completely successful.

"The Chinese fled into the province of Shansi, leaving at least 100 dead and several howitzer guns. The victory will have an excellent moral effect, as the Chinese believed their fortified mountain was impassable."

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He was Manager of the Sheddin Co.

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ELECTRIC LINE SOLD.
Montreal Park & Island Railway Changes Hands.

Montreal, March 12.—The sale was effected of the Montreal Park & Island railway to-day. It operates 30 miles of electric lines. The consideration was about half a million.

CABINET TROUBLES.
Dutch Minister of War Resigns Because Recommendation Ignored.

The Hague, March 12.—A partial ministerial crisis has arisen through an adverse vote in the second chamber of the states general to-day. The chamber ignored the recommendations of the minister of war in regard to the length of military service for recruits and in consequence the minister resigned. The opinion is generally expressed, however, that this adverse vote will be disregarded by the cabinet.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.
A. L. Sifton Chosen by Banff For the Legislature.

Winnipeg, March 12.—(Special)—A Calgary despatch says Mr. A. L. Sifton, brother of the Minister of the Interior, who succeeds Mr. J. H. Ross on the Northwest executive, was elected by acclamation for Banff. Messrs. R. B. Bennett and A. C. Stuart are the candidates for West Calgary. Bennett resigned last year to contest Alberta for the Dominion house. For Grenfell, R. S. Lake and A. Campbell were nominated. Lake contested East Assiniboia in the last election, causing the Grenfell vacancy. A stiff fight is expected in the Calgary and Grenfell divisions.

LORD PAUNCEFOOTE.
Minister at Washington Appointed Member of Privy Council.

London, March 12.—Lord Pauncefoote, the British ambassador at Washington, has been appointed a member of the Privy Council.

NAVY ESTIMATES.
An Increase of Two Million Pounds Over Last Year.

London, March 12.—The British navy estimates for 1901-02 amount to £30,875,500, an increase of over £2,000,000, chiefly for shipbuilding. There is an increase of 3,745 in the number of officers and men.

KING AND QUAKERS.
His Majesty Expresses Hope of Peace and Mutual Help.

London, March 12.—Replying to the Quakers' delegation to-day, His Majesty said he prayed that his reign would witness the widespread acceptance of their principles, the establishment of peace among nations and the growth of mutual help among the people of Great Britain.

TAX ON GRAIN.
Westminster Gazette Says Import Duty Will Be Imposed by Britain.

London, March 12.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon says it is believed that there are rumors of imported grain being made to pay a portion of the budget, and says it would take the form of the re-imposition of the shilling registration charge, abolished by Mr. Robert Lowe, when he was chancellor of the exchequer.

British Not To Be Bluffed

Russians Try to Keep Them Off Railway Company's Lands.

But by General Barrow's Orders Troops Take Armed Possession.

London, March 13.—(4.30 a. m.)—Friction has arisen at Tien Tsin between the British and the Russians over a piece of land alleged to belong to the railway company, and to have been in possession of the company for some years. According to despatches from Tien Tsin, the Russians assert that this land is part of their new concession, and therefore Russian property. Mr. Kinder, manager of the railway, had begun to make a siding, but was stopped by the Russian authorities. He appealed to Col. McDonald, who referred the matter to Gen. Barrow, British chief of state in Peking, who replied: "Carry on the siding with armed force if necessary."

Guards were put on the line by the British, and the work was continued. Gen. Vagasaki, Russian commander, protested and said the work would not have been done if the Russians had had as many troops as the British, adding that such matters should be left to diplomacy.

Col. McDonald again communicated with Gen. Barrow, who telegraphed: "Continue the siding."

Gen. Vagasaki very indignantly appealed to the Russian minister at Peking, M. De Giers.

FRENCH AND BERBERS.
An Engagement Fought in Which the Losses Are Heavy.

Algiers, March 12.—A despatch has been received here from Gen. Service, announcing that another engagement has been fought between the French punitive expedition, consisting of French and Algerian troops, and the Moroccan Berbers, in the district of Timimoun, in which the Berbers were dispersed with great loss. The French expedition lost two French officers and twenty-three men, including four Frenchmen killed and many others wounded.

NO MOVE FOR THE PRESENT

U. S. President Will Test Senators Views Before Presenting Another Treaty.

London, March 12.—Lord Cranborne, the under secretary for foreign affairs, in the House of Commons to-day, referring to Great Britain's reply to the United States Senate's amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, added that the British government was not engaged in negotiations with any other power on this subject.

Washington, March 12.—No step has been taken by either side since the delivery of the British note treating with the Senate amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that none will be taken in the immediate future. The treaty expired on March 5, and it is stated that at this moment the United States government is undecided as to whether or not it shall attempt to draw a new treaty with Great Britain. It is said that before anything of this kind is done the administration will take steps to learn the views of the senators and the party leaders in congress. There will be no treaty submitted to the Senate except upon a pretty clear understanding that it is strong enough to secure the vote of two-thirds of the body. It is understood at the state department that the British communication submitted yesterday will not be given out for publication for the present.

Military And Naval

Motion for Inquiry Into Retirement of General Colville Defeated.

Balfour Objects to Parliament Constituting Amateur Court on the Subject.

New Warship Programme Includes Building Five Submarine Boats.

London, March 13.—In the House of Commons last evening the debate was continued on the motion introduced on Monday by Mr. Charles Douglas (Liberal), calling for inquiry regarding the retirement of Major-General Colville, who was sent home from South Africa by Lord Roberts for alleged inefficiency in the field.

Gen. Colville's friends contend that he has never been heard by a competent tribunal. Those opposed to him—among them Mr. Winston Churchill—asserted that he had been properly dealt with. Mr. Churchill exclaimed: "I shall pin my faith to Lord Roberts. A more damaging case than that of Saana's Post, as described by the secretary for war, was scarcely ever put forward."

Mr. Balfour, the government leader, objected to parliament constituting itself "an amateur court to deal with military and strategic questions." He declared that the commander-in-chief was the only adequate and proper judge in such questions.

The motion of Mr. Douglas was rejected by a vote of 262 to 148.

The new ship-building programme provides three battleships, six armored cruisers, two third-class cruisers, ten torpedo-destroyers, five torpedo boats, two sloops of war and five submarine boats. On some of these vessels work was begun in 1900. All the ships will be in course of construction this year. Under the heading of submarine boats, the admiralty report says: "Five of the type invented by Holland have been ordered, the first of which should be delivered next autumn. What the future value of these boats may be in naval warfare can only be a matter of conjecture."

During the year arrangements will be made with nearly all the great steamship companies by which their finest vessels will be held at the disposal of the admiralty for employment as cruisers when required. To the lines previously engaged have been added the Orient, Royal Mail and Pacific companies. Eighteen of the swiftest passenger ships of these lines will receive an annual subsidy. Thirty other steamers have been placed at the disposal of the admiralty without further subsidy.

ADMIRALTY AWARD.

German Steamer Valencia Gets Eight Thousand Pounds.

London, March 12.—The admiralty court to-day awarded the German steamer Valencia £8,000 for her services to the Cunard liner Carinthia, which was wrecked on the Haytian coast last May.

WANTS HIS PAY.

Turkish Minister at Madrid Gives the Sultan a Time Limit.

Constantinople, March 12.—The Turkish minister at Madrid, Izzet Pasha, who on February 21, tendered his resignation to the Porte, owing to the non-payment of his salary, has now peremptorily notified his government, that he will resign unless his financial claims are settled within a week.

A NOVELTY.

Electric Light Used to View Niagara Falls at Night.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 12.—Experts of the General Electric Company, with a new power apparatus, tested the search lights on the Niagara falls from the Falls View last night. The Michigan Central has long desired to give its patrons a magnificent view of the falls, under electric light operated by power of the falls itself. Last night's work, in spite of disadvantages and the scope to be covered, was successful and demonstrated its practicability.

SULTAN AND KHEDIVÉ.

Differences Between Turkey and Egypt Not Settled.

Constantinople, March 12.—Ahmed Sheik Bey, the Khedive's secretary, who was sent here to settle the differences between the Sultan of Turkey and the Khedive of Egypt, will return to Egypt to-day. It is understood that his mission has failed. The Sultan stipulated, as a preliminary of the settlement, that his brother-in-law, Mahmud Pasha, who has sought refuge in Egypt, after his flight from Turkey late last year, must be returned to Constantinople. The Khedive, however, regarded the guarantee for Mahmud's welfare as being unsatisfactory.

TURKISH COURT MARTIAL.

Bulgarians Accused of Plotting Will Be Tried.

Constantinople, March 12.—The Bulgarians imprisoned at Salonica in connection with the Macedonian troubles, will be tried by a military court martial under the presidency of Gen. Turkum Pasha, specially sent from here for this purpose. Seventeen of the prisoners, including a doctor and a priest, are specially indicted for plotting against the integrity of the empire with the object of securing the annexation to Bulgaria of the provinces of Salonica, Monastir and Uskub, or of converting them into an autonomous province. The penal code provides sentences of death or imprisonment for life for this offence.

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Changes in British Tariff

Trade Conditions Discussed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Alterations Are Being Considered in Treaties With Several Countries.

London, March 12.—Presiding at the annual meeting of the associated chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom, which opened in London today, Lord Avebury, better known as Sir John Lubbock, foreshadowed changes in the British tariff and urged the necessity of being prepared to promote the interests of British commerce on the termination of the present treaties.

Alterations, he added, were being considered in the treaties with Germany, Austria and Portugal.

He was greatly interested in the outcome of the tariff war which had suddenly broken out between the United States and Russia. Naturally, he said, the United States regarded as a masked bounty the Russian system of aiding the exportation of the surplus beet sugar. The whole dispute illustrated the complicated questions which arose when it was attempted to apply protection generally. As far as Great Britain was concerned, she would enter into negotiations not wishing to hamper or curtail her commerce with her neighbors, but rather to promote it, being convinced that commerce benefits both buyers and sellers.

On the motion of Mr. Walton, M. P., the meeting passed a resolution to the effect that reparation for the recent events in China should be sought in increased facilities for trade rather than in money indemnity.

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Evening Standard Says That Changed Conditions Have Exploded It.

London, March 12.—The morning papers express approval of Lord Lansdowne's reply to the amendment of the United States senate to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. All repudiate any feeling save a friendly desire to arrive at an amicable and equitable settlement.

In approving the government's refusal to accept the senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Evening Standard says: "The time has come to attack Monroeism. Now that the republic is taking an active interest in the wider field of the world's politics, the western hemisphere is to be guarded as a close preserve for American enterprise should be finally exploded. English interests are quite as paramount as those of the sister states, and it cannot be long before the attention of the continental powers will be more directly drawn to the commercial possibilities of the dormant southern half of the continent."

RIOTS IN SPAIN.

Fights Between Police and Unemployed.

Madrid, March 12.—There were riots yesterday at Ripoll. A number of groups paraded the town, with banners inscribed "Justice for all," and "Give bread and work." The windows of several stores and houses were shattered with stones, the police were greeted with showers of missiles, and a shot was fired. The police fired a few shots into the air and then charged and dispersed one band of the rioters. But another composed of men and women attacked them desperately. A man was shot dead and three injured. A lieutenant and a policeman were wounded.

The outbreak caused so much alarm that several manufacturers left the town with their families. Order has now been restored.

CLEARING THE COUNTRY.

Col. Pilcher Sweeps Boers Out of Large District.

London, March 12.—A despatch from Gen. Kitchener, dated Pretoria, March 12, says:

"Continuous rains have interfered with the movements of the troops in Cape Colony.

"Two bands of Boers are being hunted among the hills by troops under Gen. De laet, Grenfell and Hemker.

Bloemfontein, March 12.—Col. Pilcher's column has cleared the country of Boers between this place and the Orange river. The column has arrived here, bringing in 23 prisoners and 3,000 horses.

Calcutta, March 12.—The government is preparing for the possible arrival of 5,000 Boer prisoners, who will be located in batches of 1,000.

MINER FOUND DEAD.

John Hall Dies at Rossland—An Inquest Being Held.

Rossland, March 12.—John Hall, a miner employed in the L. N. C. mine, was found dead in his bed in the St. Charles hotel today, at noon. Hall had his skull fractured about three months since in a runaway accident, and the wound was still being treated. There were no marks of violence, but the death seems so singular that an inquest is in progress, which adjourned till to-morrow, to await the result of an autopsy made this evening.

MANITOBA RAILWAY BILL

Passes Third Reading in the Legislature—Nominations.

Winnipeg, March 12.—(Special)—The railway bill confirming the lease of the Northern Pacific by the Manitoba government, passed the third reading in the legislature today, an inquest is in progress, which adjourned till to-morrow, to await the result of an autopsy made this evening.

G. M. Anable and A. Hiltchew were nominated for Moosejaw to-day to contest the vacancy for the Northwest legislature, caused by the resignation of J. H. Ross to become Yukon commissioner.

I. W. Vantassel, the Brandon farmer who was gored by a bull a few days ago, died to-day of his injuries.

LIVELY LEGISLATURE.

Hawaii's New Senate Row Over Statehood.

Honolulu, March 5, via San Francisco, March 12.—In the Senate to-day Cecil Brown, senator from Honolulu, called for a vote on a motion to table the resolution asking congress to grant Hawaii statehood. When the votes were announced it was found that President Russell had voted in favor of the motion thus defeating the resolution asking for statehood. Brown accused the President of acting in an arbitrary manner by voting. Brown was called to order, and refused to surrender the floor, and the sergeant-at-arms was introduced to arrest him. The men would have come to blows had not a motion to adjourn prevailed.

THE PHILIPPINES.

A Skirmish—Customs Returns for Month of February.

Manila, March 12.—Lieut. Watson, of the 10th volunteers, infantry, while scouting near the hamlet of Bado in Camarines province, Southern Luzon, killed five insurgents and destroyed 15 of the enemy's thatched barracks.

The transport Egebert will sail for Taku, China, on March 14, to take on board the remains of the United States soldiers who have died in China. From China the Egebert goes to Seattle.

The total receipts from the Philippine customs for February were \$100,000. The internal revenue for the first quarter exceeds the similar period during the Spanish regime.

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CONTINENTAL ROADS.

Convention of Railway Men Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, March 12.—Delegates to the annual convention of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of the Way Association, who represent fourteen railways, with a total track of 176,000 miles in Canada, the United States and Mexico, met here today. Of the 300 delegates expected, over 150 were present at the first session, and a majority of the remainder are expected to arrive to-night or to-morrow. The primary object of the association is to bring about a uniform condition in the railroads of North America. At the opening session President J. F. Wallace delivered his annual address, in which he related the growth of the association and the notable progress made in improving the roads by using better ballast and heavier rails.

NANAIMO CITY.

Will Send a Delegation to Wait Upon the Government.

Nanaimo, March 12.—(Special)—A committee of the city council will wait on the provincial government in reference to matters between the government and city, including financial assistance for the isolation hospital; also to review the annual grant of five hundred dollars for the fire department. The council also instructed the member for Nanaimo city to oppose the proposed increase in the revenue tax.

The council has expended to the present time seven thousand dollars of next year's revenues. Ald. Planta's suggestion that the mayor and aldermen relinquish the remuneration to make up deficiencies, provoked a lively discussion, but found no second.

The Alexandria miners meet to-morrow to hear the secretary's report on Mr. Dunsmin's reply to the proposal to arbitrate.

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS.

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The Peace Negotiations

No Further News of the Progress of Events at Pre- toria.

London Paper Publishes What Are Believed to be the Terms.

London, March 12.—There was no news regarding peace negotiations at Pretoria, except a report that Gen. Botha is waiting for the return of Gen. De Wet to the north before coming to a decision.

According to the Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, there are as many as eight separate guerilla commands in the Orange River Colony, and two villages have been declared seats of government by the rebels.

"Progress must remain arrested," says the correspondent, "until the twenty-seven columns now in the colony, or Gen. Botha's action in the Transvaal, clears up the military action."

The Daily News makes the following important statement:

"We understand that the government greatly modified the unconditional surrender policy. We believe Lord Kitchener has been authorized to offer amnesty to both the Boers and the Heerlanders, except where treachery is clearly proved, and only to be punished by disfranchisement."

"Loans are to be granted to the Boers for rebuilding and stocking their farms, and finally the government will offer to establish some kind of civil government as soon as all the commandos have surrendered. It was probably he that of a crown colony, but with the important concession which Sir Alfred Milner advises, namely, a council including Boers of position, like Gen. Botha, Gen. Meyer and Mr. Schalk Burger."

It was rumored on the stock exchange yesterday that the government will issue a war loan of £50,000,000 in consols.

MUTUALLY IGNORED.

Dr. Leyds Says He Will Not Recognize the Peace Negotiations.

Brussels, March 12.—Dr. Leyds announces that Mr. Kruger will ignore the surrender negotiations between General Botha and Lord Kitchener.

ONTARIO BUDGET DEBATE.

Government Has a Majority of Ten on Division.

Toronto, March 12.—(Special)—The debate on the budget was concluded in the legislature this afternoon, the leading speakers being Attorney-General Gibson, Mr. Whitney and Premier Ross. In the division which followed the government had a majority of 10, the largest they have secured this parliament.

THE END NEAR.

General Harrison's Death a Question of a Few Hours.

Indianapolis, March 12.—(12 a.m.)—Gen. Harrison is now lying in an unconscious condition. He is constantly growing weaker and the congestion continues to spread. There is nothing to indicate that his death will occur for several hours at least.

PISTOLS FOR TWO.

French Duellists Must Not Make Faces at Each Other on the Field.

Paris, March 12.—The seconds of M. Andre Buffet, in his dispute with M. Paul Deroulle, M. De Cassagnac and Deramel, and the seconds of M. De Roule, M. Maurice Barres and Dr. De Villiers, met in Paris to-day and deliberated over the proposed duel, after which the following statement was issued:

"Messrs. Barres and De Villiers agreed that M. Buffet is the offending party. The weapon chosen is the pistol. Two bullets will be exchanged at the word of command. The first meeting will be on Friday and will be fixed later. The weapons, place and direction of the duel will be drawn for by lot. The undersigned undertake to call the attention of the principals that the invariable rule in affairs of honor forbids a gesture of superiority being exchanged on the field between the combatants." The statement was signed by the four seconds.

GOVERNOR GAGE DENIES.

Says That There Has Been No Plague in San Francisco.

Governor Gage denies that there has ever been a case of bubonic plague in San Francisco, and asserts that reports given out by federal quarantine officials are instigated by a conspiracy to injure the prestige of our state in order that Northern Pacific interests may capture the Oriental trade. Great pressure is being brought to bear at Washington to suppress the report of the federal plague commission made two weeks ago. This commission was selected from heads of the departments of bacteriology of leading universities, and its members had made a special study of the plague in India and elsewhere. Their report absolutely settles the question of the type which prevailed in districts where the great plague epidemics have taken place up to the very height of those epidemics. At a conference with Governor Gage and a second conference with Mayor Phelan of San Francisco, the commissioners stated that they themselves had found ten cases of plague; six of these cases were found between February 5 and 11. They declared that the condition was serious, that the Frenchman's Chinatown should be depopulated and a detention camp established, and that in the event it was probably necessary to destroy Chinatown entirely. This is the substance of the report made by the federal government.

BOURASSA IS REBUFFED.

He Stands With Two Others Against the Whole House.

Ottawa, March 12.—(Special)—The house by a vote of 144 to 3 (Minority) Bourassa and Angus rejected Bourassa's stop the war motion, and then sang "God Save the King." Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a brilliant reply to Bourassa.

The Allans to-day were awarded the Atlantic mail contract for one year, commencing on May 1.

The Senate discussed Sir Mackenzie Bowell's motion regarding the alleged offer of H. H. Cook to purchase a senatorship. Mr. Scott wanted the Senate to ballot on the composition of the committee. The discussion went over till to-morrow.

Family Recipes

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Col. Steele discussed with Lord Minto to-day the awarding of 26 commissions in the South African Constabulary to Canadians.

The Bell Telephone Company are seeking to increase their capital to \$10,000,000.

Col. Prior elicited from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day that Mr. Morrison was not authorized by him to wire to Premier Dunsinuir that the Duke of Cornwall and York was definitely going out to the Coast. Even to-day the Premier could not say that the route of His Royal Highness' trip was definitely settled.

The V. V. & E. plans have been received here and are approved.

U. S. S. ILLINOIS.

New Watchship Makes Her Trial Trip.

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The finance committee presented a report showing the amount of moneys in hand and their disposition, also a statement of disbursements which had been made. It was further reported by the committee that it was their recommendation that the secretary be paid the sum of \$300 in seven monthly instalments for his services, and that any further honorarium be dependent on the success of the show and the further recommendation of the committee. The report was adopted.

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The subject of appointing an assistant treasurer who could give a good part of his time to the work of the exhibition when the show was being held, was discussed at some length, and it was finally decided that the constitution left it in the hands of the treasurer to name an assistant, the matter should be left to Mayor Hayward, with discretionary power to advise with Mr. Gillespie and acquaint him with the views of the board.

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SPORTING NEWS

FISHING SEASON.

Friday the Nimrods Will Have Their First Outing on the Nearby Lakes.

The shot guns have been laid aside by all except the trap shooting enthusiasts, and rods and tackle are being overhauled in preparation for the first trials of the season. The trout season opens on Friday and many parties are being organized to invade the lakes along the line of the E. & N. railway. A few, of course, will try their luck at Prospect Lake, but not with much success, as the big catch, the once favorite resort of the city fishermen, now being pretty well depleted. Sooner Lake will also draw its quota, but the big crowd is sure, as usual, to make the first cast on the waters of Swanquam lake, where they are generally sure of getting a good basket. For the first few weeks the fly may as well be kept

in the pocket.

Col. Steele discussed with Lord Minto to-day the awarding of 26 commissions in the South African Constabulary to Canadians.

The Bell Telephone Company are seeking to increase their capital to \$10,000,000.

Col. Prior elicited from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day that Mr. Morrison was not authorized by him to wire to Premier Dunsinuir that the Duke of Cornwall and York was definitely going out to the Coast. Even to-day the Premier could not say that the route of His Royal Highness' trip was definitely settled.

The V. V. & E. plans have been received here and are approved.

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SATURDAY'S MATCH.

Columbus to Put a Stronger Team in the Field Against the Nanaimos.

On Thursday morning the names of the Columbus football team for Saturday next will be published. The team will be stronger than the one which traveled to Nanaimo and the boys hope to turn the tables upon their formidable opponents. All lovers of association football should turn out to see the game, as it is sure to be closely contested and very exciting. The Columbus practice regularly every day and their praiseworthy efforts deserve some support and encouragement.

BORN.

GABRIEL.—In this city, on February 27th, the wife of John Gabriel, of a son.

CHATMAN.—In this city, on February 25th, the wife of William Chatman, Hospital Steward, Work Point, of a daughter.

RICHDALE.—In this city, on February 8th, the wife of John Hanson Richdale, of a daughter.

WOODS.—In Vernon, on Friday, March 1st, the wife of George Woods, of a son.

MARRIED.

WALLACE-FRASER.—At the residence of the bride's brother, Armstrong, B. C., on Tuesday, February 26th, by Rev. T. Geo. MacLeod, Mr. J. G. Wallace, of Phoenix, and Miss Catherine J. Fraser, of Armstrong.

DIED.

CAMERON.—At the family residence, 170 Yates street, on March 11, Anne, beloved wife of Colin Cameron, a native of this city, aged 42 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Friends please accept this intimation.

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fice, but insertion cannot be guaranteed.
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sult the Night Editor.

CHINESE IN MINES.

The employment of Chinese in mines
or other industries in Canada is an
economic question, which need not be
discussed here and now, because it does
not arise in connection with any proposal
now before the legislature or the public.
It may become more acute by and bye,
but at present the interest in it is purely
academic, by which we do not mean
that it is not a matter of immediate con-
cern, but only that it has not taken a
concrete form. It is certainly not in-
volved in a measure, which seeks to for-
bid the employment of Chinese under-
ground in mines because their presence
there is a source of danger. This is a
substantive proposition and ought to be
debated on its merits alone. If Chi-
nese in mines are a source of danger, if
their presence adds to the peril in-
separable from mining, we do not sup-
pose there is any mine-owner in the
world who would so employ them. We
may deny to the mine-owner the ordi-
nary instincts of humanity, if we like,
but we will at least concede that he may
be supposed to possess an ordinary
degree of sense.

Let us apply this to the case of the
mines owned by Mr. Dunsen's com-
pany. Mr. Dunsen has been closely
identified with the practical side of coal
mining for thirty years. He is not
merely a man who sits in his office,
issues his orders and signs checks, and,
after a few hours of gentle labor, retires
to his home or his club and enjoys him-
self; but he has been for years, and
now is, closely in touch with every part
of the practical business of mining. He
elicited a good deal of applause at a
meeting of voters during the last cam-
paign, held at one of his mines, when
in response to a question from the au-
dience he told what branches of practical
mining he had engaged in. The answer
covered about the whole range of the
business. We mention this to show
that his opinions are not the result of
theory, nor founded upon what some
one has told him, but are the lessons of
experience. In other words, he knows
what he is talking about, when he speaks
on the subject of practical coal mining.
We think it will be admitted that, if
the employment of Chinese underground in
mines adds to the danger there, he ought
to know it as well as any one else; and
we also think it can be conclusively
shown that he does not know it—that his
experience of thirty years in mining has
shown him that the Chinese are not an
element of peril, and this can be proved
quite irrespective of anything he may
say on the subject.

During all the years that Chinamen
have been employed in the mines with
which he is connected, Mr. Dunsen
has been in the habit of descending into
the mines whenever he thought it
necessary for business reasons or for the
purpose of showing them to visitors.
He has taken his wife and children
down with him. In recent years, since
his oldest son has been engaged about
the mines, the latter has done just as
his father in this respect, and for that
matter, just as his grandfather did be-
fore either of them. Is it reasonable
to believe that Mr. Dunsen would
take such a course, or permit it to be
taken, if he had any reason to think
that by having Chinese underground he
was endangering the lives of every per-
son who descended into a mine?

It is Mr. Dunsen's interest as a
business man to have in his employ the
best superintendents, foremen and offi-
cers generally. Does any one suppose
that he could do so if he persisted in
employing in his mines workmen whose
presence there is a peril to others? Is it
supposable that white miners would re-
main in the employ of Mr. Dunsen's
company year after year if they were
obliged to work side by side with men
whose presence augmented the risks in-
separable from their occupation? White
miners employ Chinese helpers. Is it
supposable that they would do so, if it is

true that a Chinaman is a dangerous
person to allow in a mine?

There remains to be considered the
very important matter of pecuniary in-
terest. The mine owner loses financially
by every explosion. The amount of his
loss cannot be estimated in advance.
He does not know whether the next ex-
plosion will cost him ten thousand or
half a million dollars. He cannot pos-
sibly foresee whether it may not mean
to him a long suspension of business and
corresponding loss. We do not know,
neither do we suppose any one else
knows, what the financial loss to the
company will be by reason of the Union
colliery disaster. It must amount to a
very large sum. Is it supposable that a
mine owner would employ extra-hazardous
men, knowing, as he must know,
that this extra risk may at any hour
entail loss which he cannot calculate?
Let us apply to this proposition the same
degree of common sense that we employ
in our every-day transactions, and see
what the irresistible conclusion is.

The foregoing considerations will, we
think, establish to the satisfaction of
every reasonable individual that Mr.
Dunsen cannot believe the employ-
ment of Chinese underground to be a
source of danger. Personal considera-
tions, family considerations, ordinary
business sagacity and financial interest
all combine to show that his long ex-
perience as a practical man in connec-
tion with coal mines has convinced him
that the employment of Chinese under-
ground is not attended with any greater
degree of risk than is the employment of
white men underground. And the fact
that he is able to retain in his employ
year after year the same superintend-
ents, foremen and officers generally, and
that miners remain in the employ of the
company and themselves employ Chinese
as helpers proves that his view is borne
out by the men, who are in the best pos-
sible position to form an opinion. Until
the foregoing considerations can be met,
not with declamation but with proof,
we think the house may well ask to be
excused from accepting any one's bald
statement that Chinese are a source of
danger, if employed underground in coal
mines.

MR. BROWN'S RESOLUTION.

In his normal condition Mr. Brown, of
New Westminster, erstwhile distin-
guished by an appellation commonly
associated with a certain instrument of
petrol of revolution as you can well
imagine. It is safe to say that he might
travel from Dan to Beersheba, or from
Paris to Berlin, even at a time when
anarchy was rampant, and be perfectly
free from molestation by the minions of
the law. So far from resembling a
herald of constitutional confusion, Mr.
Brown might be mistaken for an exceed-
ingly benevolent grandfather, whose
mind was occupied with no other
thoughts than how to make the little
folk happy. To paraphrase an un-
named but forceful poet, who described
the feelings of a certain gentleman, re-
joicing in the same patronage as the
member for New Westminster, but prob-
ably no relation—this of course without
prejudice—who had inadvertently sat
down upon the business end of a tack.
"A gentler man than Mr. Brown you
would not wish to see."

But it is impossible to tell how things
are loaded, and it is a sad commentary
upon the human countenance that so
benign a visage as that of Mr. Brown
may conceal enough revolution to keep
three South American republics work-
ing overtime. He shied a bomb into
the house yesterday, with the fell pur-
pose of knocking over the British Con-
stitution, as constructed after centuries
of "endless toil and endeavor," as some
one else has remarked. The explosion
was harmless, but it is a principle, the
correctness of which cannot be success-
fully disputed, that a man must be held
to intend the consequences of his acts,
which is not just exactly what we mean,
but it will do for the present purpose.
Mr. Brown may claim that he loves the
Constitution aforesaid like, not simply a
brother, but some other fellow's sister,
if such a simile is permissible in such a
case; he may protest that he never
spells the word without using a large C;
he may asseverate that he lies awake and
thereby loses his beauty sleep trying to
think out ways whereby this ancient
political fabric may be preserved in its
integrity; but he will claim, protest and
asseverate in vain. No matter what he
meant, he must be handed down to all
succeeding generations as a man who
would smash the constitution so that
its own mother, if it had one, would not
recognize it. This we assert is exceed-
ingly sad. As for the ten gentlemen,
who were prepared to aid and abet him
in his incendiary designs, perhaps the
least said is the soonest mended. Per-
haps some excuse may be found for them, as there
was some excuse for the children who
followed the Pied Piper of Hamelin.
Like others have been and will be, they
were deceived by appearances. On the
face of it, there would seem to be safety
in following in the footsteps of the
graceful and grey-haired gentleman from
the banks of the Fraser far away, so to
speak. But you cannot always tell. In
fact in the majority of cases you cannot
tell at all. As the best goods are some-
times done up in the smallest parcels, so
the greatest danger may lurk in that
which to all outward seeming is fair and
beautiful.

PROVINCIAL TAXATION.

The Times says that there is no doubt
that we are the most heavily taxed
province of the Dominion. We are not
ready to admit this, until we have had
an opportunity of investigating the
matter more fully than is possible with
the data at command; but, conceding
that the statement is true, we are con-

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fronted with the question: What are
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ask this in any spirit of controversy, but
only because we recognize, in common
with everyone else, that the problem of
getting a revenue that will enable the
government to keep pace with the de-
mands of the public service in so exten-
sive a province as British Columbia is
one of very great difficulty. Every one
objects to taxation, and yet every one
calls upon the government to pursue a
policy of development. We have yet to
find the man who thinks his own locality
ought to do without a necessary public
work, because of the large drafts on the
public treasury. We are all of us quite
content to economize at some one else's
expense, but that is about as far as we
get in public matters.

The Times makes a suggestion which
we are not prepared to reject as without
merit, namely, that a greater revenue
should be derived from the natural re-
sources of the country. This is a mat-
ter which no government has ever over-
looked, and none will be likely to; but
it is not so easy to act on the suggestion
as it is to make it. The future of the
province depends upon the development
of its natural resources, and although it
is desirable that these should be made
to yield as much revenue as possible, the
utmost care should be exercised to
avoid burdening those who are engaged
in the developing of those resources.
There is such a thing as killing the goose
that lays the golden egg, and every
finance minister will seek to avoid that
error.

Correspondents will receive attention
just as soon as we can manage it.

We have further particulars this
morning of the accident in the Chicago
laundry, whereby eight people were killed
and twenty-six were injured. N.B.—
It was not a Chinese laundry.

The correspondent of the New York
Tribune is not very happy in his lan-
guage when he says that King Edward
shows "that he tolerates every form of
ecclesiastical policy." Matters of ec-
clesiastical policy have got beyond the
toleration stage in the British Empire.
It will only be a short time now before
the Orange River Colony is free of Boers
in arms. The southern half is cleared
now, and as we were told yesterday,
every town occupied by our troops be-
comes friendly and a centre from which
peaceful influences permeate through the
surrounding country. Small marauding
parties will continue in the field, for
some of the Boers are so constituted that
they will prefer a life of outlawry, as
long as it can be continued with any
show of safety. But this evil will
steadily grow less. Undoubtedly Kit-
chener is making a great success of his
task, which when he took it in hand
was certainly apparently difficult enough.

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WORDS OF PRAISE.

Clarence Eddy Comments Mr. Long-
field on His Handling of
Organ.

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Victoria, March 9, 1901.
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congratulate you upon the excellent con-
dition in which you placed the organ in
St. John's Episcopal church, Victoria,
for my revival last evening. The
changes you made according to my sug-
gestions, and the promptness with which
you repaired certain defects in the in-
strument, indicate your perfect familiarity
with the instrument.
Yours very truly,
CLARENCE EDDY.

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Districts of Rupert, Sayward, Qua-
lino, Coast, Queen Charlotte Islands,
North Saanich and part of Barclay and
Clayquot.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance
with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and
all taxes levied under the "Assessment
Act" are now due for the year 1901. As-
sessed taxes are collectable at the follow-
ing rates, viz:

If paid on or before the 30th day of
June, 1901:
Three-fifths of one per cent on real prop-
erty.

Two and one-half per cent on assessed
value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent on personal
property.

On so much of the income of any person
as exceeds one thousand dollars in accord-
ance with the following classification, upon
such excess the rates shall be, namely:
Class A.—On one thousand dollars and
not exceeding ten thousand dollars, one
per cent, up to five thousand dollars, and
two per cent, on the remainder:

Class B.—On ten thousand dollars and
not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, one
and one-half per cent, up to ten thousand
dollars, and two and one-half per cent on the
remainder:

Class C.—On twenty thousand dollars
and not exceeding forty thousand dollars,
two and one-half per cent, up to twenty
thousand dollars, and three per cent on the
remainder:

Class D.—On all others in excess of forty
thousand dollars, three per cent, up to
forty thousand dollars, and three and one-
half per cent on the remainder.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1901:
Four-fifths of one per cent, on real prop-
erty.

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The Session's First Division

Mr. Brown's Referendum Resolution Causes a Vote to be Taken.

The Government Sustained by a Majority of Over Two to One.

Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, March 12.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m.

After prayers by Rev. E. S. Rowe, the following petition was presented:

By Mr. McPhillips—From Edmund B. Kirby, manager of the War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development Company and the Centre Star Mining Company, opposing Private Bill No. 53, entitled, "An act to confirm certain water records in the Trail mining division."

Mr. Pooley presented the second report of the railway committee, submitting the bill to incorporate the Queen Charlotte Island Railway, which was received.

The house went into committee of the whole to consider Hon. Mr. Turner's resolution, that a supply be granted to His Majesty; reported progress, and it was decided that further consideration be taken on Monday next.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor transmitted a bill to amend the Assessment Act, which was reported from the committee of the whole, read a first time, and the second reading fixed for the next sitting of the house.

THE REFERENDUM.

Mr. Brown moved the following resolution:

"Whereas, under the constitution of the province of British Columbia, four years ago, and as a rule, clause between one general election and another:

"And whereas, between one general election and another, questions arise as to the assistance to be given by the province to private enterprises, many of which questions are of large and far-reaching importance:

"And whereas it is advisable, in the public interest, that the electors of the province should have the right to secure, in some proper and constitutional way, an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of proposals to grant to private enterprises large amounts of public moneys or public lands of the province:

"Therefore be it resolved, That this house would approve of a measure designed to provide, under proper safeguards and conditions, for the submission of such proposals to a vote of the electors of the province."

Speaking in his resolution, Mr. Brown said he had introduced a bill at last session on lines similar to his present motion, which had been ruled out of order. He thought, however, that a bill of this description could be framed that would not be revolutionary in its tendency. The referendum principle was successfully operated in municipal government, and should be extended to provincial affairs. He considered that such a principle was more desirable in provincial than in municipal affairs, as in municipalities the councils were only elected for one year. An instance of the danger of allowing a political party to enter into an important contract without reference to the people was now in evidence in another province (Manitoba), where it was seen that large numbers of the electors—friends and opponents of the government—were bitterly opposed to the action of the executive. Had the grants of lands to railway companies in this province in the past been submitted to the people, he had no doubt they would never have been made, and that British Columbia today would be deriving an immense income from the coal, timber and agricultural lands given away by the government. He mentioned the cases of the Shuswap and Okanagan and other provincial railways, which were at the present time being sold at a profit, notwithstanding the liberal land grants and subsidies given to them. The principle of the resolution was imposed on the municipalities by statute, and all that the resolution contemplated was an extension of the principle to provincial affairs.

Mr. Pooley characterized the resolution as striking at the root of the constitution. It would relieve the legislature from all responsibility and resolve it into a mere debating society.

If the government did wrong, the people had the remedy in their hands, to turn them out summarily; but if the government and the legislature had the right to refer all matters to a vote of the people, they might remain in power indefinitely, leaving to the electors the responsibility of legislation to the electors. The resolution was a blow at representative government and the fundamental rules on which it was founded. Speaking of the railway policy of past administrations, Mr. Pooley called attention to the fact that on two occasions at least the government had been triumphantly returned on the policy which the honorable gentleman was criticizing. He called attention to the progress, the increase of population, and the establishment of important industries which had followed the enlightened and wise policy of that government. As for the resolution, he could scarcely find words to express his dissent from the principles which it con-

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Mr. Curtis could not agree with Mr. Pooley. He considered a reference of public questions to the people a safer method of government than the consideration by a senate or a house of lords. The resolution did not intend that all matters should be referred to the electors, but only those questions which should appear to them as improper and dangerous to the interests of the province. It would defend the province from the horde of railway promoters and subsidy seekers. We had an instance of a betrayal of trust by the government of another province, where, pledged to a policy of government ownership of railways, the administration had entered into a contract to assume the debts of a railway company. The resolution proposed to defend the property of the people from the act of a government that might be inclined to allocate it for the benefit of the railway companies. He would go further than the resolution and have every matter brought before the house referred to the electorate. He had much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Mr. Hayward assented the mover and seconded the resolution of Mr. Pooley. They were wasting the time of the house for no purpose, but it was rather surprising to hear such arguments from those gentlemen, who not so long ago were spending the country's money worthily in an overcoat in the house. (Applause and laughter.)

Mr. McPhillips called attention to the dismal failure of the principle advocated in the resolution as instanced in the plebiscite on prohibition, which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was obliged to confess was utterly worthless unless an overwhelming majority had been cast in its favor of prohibition. Mr. McPhillips ridiculed the arguments of the mover and seconded, and pronounced the referendum as contrary to British practice and principles. When those gentlemen were in power, did they promulgate their referendum principles? Did they succeed in their policy of government ownership of railways? No, the people declared at the polls that they had no faith in those gentlemen, and elected the present government to carry out the present policy of progress which they had always advocated. (Applause.)

Mr. Oliver said the resolution proposed that questions might be submitted to the electors on any subject. He thought this might be secured by petition of 25 per cent. of the electors. Mr. McPhillips' views on the prohibition plebiscite were entirely wrong. He denied that the late government was in favor of the policy of government ownership of railways, and that the present government was the choice of the electors.

Hon. Mr. Turner—The hon. member said that the present government was not the choice of the people. He thought there was no doubt of whom the people wanted. After several elections the men who had forged the government were re-elected, and he thought that a sufficient refutation of the hon. member's insinuation. He appeared to him that the resolution was designed to make the people that the government is opposed to the interests of the province. The hon. member for Rossland always insinuated such a state of affairs in all his speeches—that the government was in favor of the policy of government ownership of railways, and that the present government was the choice of the electors.

Mr. Curtis—Sale of property of companies have to be referred to shareholders.

Hon. Mr. Turner—The hon. member was trying to hedge. He said every transaction of government should be submitted to the people. Carried out, it would come to doing away with parliament altogether; there would be three or four commissioners and a civil service and an expenditure would have to be ordered by a vote of the people. It was a waste of time to discuss such a resolution. The hon. member for Rossland was always anxious to show his love for the people and his readiness to sacrifice himself on the altar of his country. It was a great pity that he should waste his great talents on such nonsensical and needless resolutions. (Applause.)

Mr. Brown closed the debate by comforting himself with the conviction that all the logic and common sense was on his side of the question. All the government speakers had ignored the fact that the legislature imposed just this principle on the municipalities, and repeated his argument that the principle should be extended to provincial matters. He continued, at some length, to arraign the policy, past and present, of the administration, incidentally instructing the

junior member for Victoria in the lesson conveyed by the prohibition plebiscite which, he claimed, was not parallel to the present case. He concluded by declaring that his resolution breathed the spirit of freedom, and was calculated to secure untold blessings on generations yet unborn, and alleging that the present was not the choice of the people at the last general election.

THE DIVISION.

The resolution was then put and defeated on the following division:

YEAS—Messrs. McPhillips, Gilmore, Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Hawthornthwaite, Brown, Martin, Curtis, Munro, Green—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Neill, McPhillips, Hellicke, Turner, Dunsinuir, Eberts, A. W. Saunders, Clifford, Taitlow, Hayward, Gordon, Fulton, Prentice, Wells, McBride, Pooley, Murphy, Rogers, Hunter, Taylor, Dickie, Munroe—23.

Messrs. Hall (Victoria) and Kidd (Richmond) did not vote. Mr. Houston (Nelson) was absent.

The debate on the third reading of the bill respecting certain railway land grants was further adjourned till Monday next.

PLACER MINING ACT.

The house went into committee of the whole to further consider the Placer Mining Act, Mr. Munro in the chair. Several minor amendments were proposed and adopted. Section 11, as well as a new section proposed to be inserted by Mr. Curtis, were allowed to stand over for further consideration. The committee rose and reported, and the house adjourned till today at 2 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Taitlow—On Thursday next—Question to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Is it the intention of the government to proclaim the 24th of May (Empire Day) a public holiday?

Mr. Gilmore—On Tuesday next—Whereas the Dominion Chinese Immigration Act, 1900, has proven inadequate to check the immigration of Chinese:

And whereas the said act leaves the threatening influx of other Asiatics wholly unregulated:

Be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to advise His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, that in the opinion of this house, the said act should be amended so as to make all immigrants comply with an educational test similar to that imposed in the colony of Natal.

Mr. Brown—On Thursday next—A resolution, of which the following is the final clause:

That due consideration of the obligations imposed upon this house by the constitution of this province, as well as of the rights and interests of the people, makes it necessary that such steps should forthwith be taken as will, in the event of a general election, secure to the people a more just and equal representation in the house.

SESSIONAL NOTES.

A large deputation from Vancouver waited upon the government yesterday to urge a policy of government ownership of railways. Several speeches were made by members of the delegation, in which the advantages of state owned railways were eloquently set forth. The members of the executive were not prepared to express their views on the subject, but promised the delegates to take it into consideration. The deputation included Dr. McPhillips, Ald. Baker, H. T. Coote, J. Dixon, president Trades and Labor Council; Jos. Perry, secretary Trades and Labor Council; E. A. Whitehead, C. E. Julian, R. B. Ellis, W. Malcolm, W. L. Daggett, ex-Ald. J. Wood, J. Young, J. G. Arthur, J. G. Crawford, Ald. Barker, J. M. Duval and C. A. McKinnon.

His Worship Mayor Hayward occupied a seat on the floor of the house yesterday.

The deputation from the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia will meet at the Driand this morning at 10 o'clock, and proceed to the government buildings, where they will meet the members of the executive at 11:30. The interview was to have taken place yesterday, but in consequence of the non-arrival of some of the delegates was postponed till today.

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"The opening of the long-reserved crown claims and fractions of the Klondike to staking and entry by miners was the cause of the mad stampede. It marked one of the most exciting and perhaps one of the most important epochs of the camp. Thousands of claims and thousands of fractions that had lapsed to the crown or accumulated to the crown through the method of reserving alternate blocks of ten claims were set free for location. It was like the opening for settlement of a great western Indian reservation in the United States.

"The men who participated in the race went out in most instances yesterday. Many were already on the creeks, but scores went from the city. The time when the bars that so long had restricted miners from reaching the ground were let down came exactly at midnight. On the numerous creeks hillsides and benches there were hundreds of men who had waited in long night vigil. Many had tolled to the place of staking through deep snow. A strong wind lashed the cold.

"As the clock hands reached 12 the stampede began setting their stakes. A minute or two more and they had their notices up, and then they were off on the race to the gold commissioner's office.

"They raced with all manner of Klondike conveyances. Some had teams of horses hitched to light sleighs, some rode bicycles, some came with fast dog teams and others by special stage or on foot. One man came 18 miles on Norwegian "skies," or snow-shoes, aided by a dog running before and drawing him by a rope he held. He covered the distance in two and three-quarter hours and beat in a horse which drew in a sleigh.

"The race here gave up all the crooks of the Klondike at midnight dramatic scenes would have been seen on nearly all at the same time. Oftentimes several struggled to stake the same claim. In some instances trouble occurred, it is reported, and a revolver is said to have been drawn by one disputant. At times men staked knowing someone else was staking the same claim, and then hurried away with the others.

"From Gold Run, forty-five miles out, to Bonanza, the nearest of the Klondike creeks, there were many races for the prizes. From Flunker, eighteen miles out, did not care to buy at the late auction sales and numerous other Klondike streams and their almost innumerable tributaries and gulches, and hillsides the stampede rushed toward their Mecca, the Dawson gold commissioner's office.

"The race was not alone to the strong. Many women were participants. One little woman weighing less than 100 pounds, hurried in by dog team from Bonanza. Other women came in stages or by private rig.

"The wheelmen were perhaps the swift-

est of all, on the whole. The trails and roads of the creeks are packed as hard as the finest elmer path, and the cyclists and their superior highwheels. Many were those who came on wheels, and notwithstanding the low temperature they pedaled like circuit riders. A man from Gold Run is said to have nearly killed a team of horses.

"On arrival at the commissioner's office all stampedeers had to stand in line until 9 o'clock the regular opening hour. Perhaps a hundred were in by that time. Some from nearby creeks had been waiting to hold places in the line since long before daylight. The first man came from a crown reserve on Bonanza, eight miles away, and got in at 2:30 a. m. with a dog team. Shortly after came a man from Flunker with a horse, hard-panting from the run. Next came a wheelman from Flunker, and soon delegates were in line from other creeks.

So cold was the ground that some threw down blankets on which to stand in line of the office. So big was the crowd at the office that applications were simply received and the applicants told to come later to get papers, because they were not time to ascertain whether the ground was actually stakable and open to entry. There were two windows for two classes of land, one for that which had never been staked before and one for that which had been staked but lapsed to the crown.

"Fractions have not before been open to staking or to location in any way in the Klondike for years, save at the late auction sale of crown lands. Then they were all cornered by an option on a lump sale not previously announced, and which was held at the conclusion of the general sale.

"One man, a broker, got an option on all the claims not bid in when offered individually, and on all the fractions that had accumulated in the mining districts of the British Yukon for years for the sum of \$200. After he concluded his selection of land made sales to those who cared to buy from him, the land remaining was thrown open for staking.

"Thousands of acres of mining land were thus opened, but it was chiefly what people did not care to buy at the late auction sales or to secure through the broker. At the auction sale the people had no opportunity to bid on the fractions save at the conclusion, and then in lump sum, and the fact that they were to be sold then was not given out in general. Many were surprised when they heard the sale had been made. One broker who learned of it afterwards declared he would have bid \$10,000.

PERSONALS

N. Rubin and wife returned yesterday from the Sound.

Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson and family are stopping at the Hotel Strathcona, Shawanigan Lake.

Malcolm Gordon was a passenger from the Mainland last evening.

Mrs. T. L. Briggs came over from the Mainland last evening.

President S. H. Graves and Traffic Manager J. Francis Lee, of the White Pass and Northern Railway, returned to Seattle on the Rosalie last night.

Capt. Jas. Carroll was a passenger on the Rosalie for Seattle last evening.

Mrs. P. C. Dunlevy and children and Mrs. Theo. Lubbe and daughter, left on the Rosalie last night for a visit to Seattle.

Mrs. Dickinson went to Seattle on the Rosalie yesterday.

Prof. Wenzel and wife of Seattle, who had been spending several days here, returned home on the Rosalie yesterday.

Mrs. C. H. Dickie of Duncan, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

G. C. Henderson, the d. legate from Fergal of the Associated Boards of Trade, is a guest at the Victoria.

Thomas Larzow, a Chicago boy, was shot and killed by a companion named Frank Wisniewski in a quarrel.

Local News.

Grand Lodge.—The grand lodge, A. O. U. W., meets in Vancouver to-day. Among the delegates from Victoria are: Mr. Williams and Stewart, J. E. Church, J. T. McInroy and Joseph Phillips.

Presentation of Medals.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held at the hospital on Friday evening, when besides other business, the medals will be presented to the graduating nurses.

Freight Advice.—The E. & N. rail-swap situated at Suppana and St. Ann's freight received by ferry service in the same manner as all railway companies adopt in cities. Goods in broken bulk are being received and the familiar freight advice slips on the C. P. R. forms are being used until the new supply of forms is printed.

At the Savoy.—The performance at the Savoy this week is a most enjoyable one. Rooney and Forrester, old time favorites, are on deck, as usual, and never fail to please. Miss Agnes Freed's efforts were appreciated, together with the balance of the usual favorites. Gillen Brothers, club jugglers, responded to a hearty encore, which they certainly deserved for their clever manipulations, and upheld their title, "The Wizards of Motion."

Hotels Overlook.—The influx of visitors and delegates to wait upon the government has caused a temporary congestion of hotel accommodation. Several of the leading hotel men were last night seriously considering pitches tents upon the flat roofs of their hostilities to accommodate their many visitors. At the Driad and the Dominion, there was not a room to spare. The proprietors of the Vernon were fortunate in having the Dallas opened, and there they sent a number of the guests, resorting to the device of keeping their rubber-tired bus at the service of those visitors who had business up town at night.

There are a great many people that cannot take cod liver oil, either pure or in the form of emulsion. To all such we recommend a teaspoonful of Gray's Syrup to a dessert-spoonful of oil or emulsion; it makes the oil palatable and proves a very efficient remedy for all lung affections.

WILL BE SURVEYED.

Ship Senator to Be Examined by Expert
Appointed by Magistrate.

It looks as if there will be some interesting developments in the Senator case, as yesterday afternoon the captain offered to have the ship surveyed at his own expense, provided he could appoint the surveyor. The magistrate said the act required that he should appoint the surveyor. Mr. Ernest Powell contended that the captain should be allowed to appoint the surveyor, but the magistrate held to his decision. The seamen then took the matter up, and after a consultation among themselves, they announced that they would agree to a survey, provided that one or two of their number could go with the surveyor and point out the defects in the ship. After a good deal of talk, it was decided to have a survey. The surveyor appointed must be a man who has no interest in the ship or her cargo; and the court adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock, in order that the magistrate might interview a surveyor. If the ship is pronounced sound, the seamen will have to bear the expense; if unseaworthy, the captain will pay expenses.

The colored seaman who was examined yesterday said that the rigging was brand new when the ship left Callao. The second mate contradicted the statements of the crew; and the mate, Mr. Rowbottom, also made statements directly contrary to those of the crew. When the ship is surveyed, the captain will be present, together with the seamen, and one of the alleged deserters, who will be appointed by his comrades. The carpenter is at present in jail at Chemainus.

RAILWAY DELEGATIONS.

Another Deputation to Urge the Restoration of V. V. & E. Subsidy.

Vancouver sent down another strong delegation last night, composed of those who were named at the public meeting some days ago in that city to wait upon the government and press the resolutions regarding the restoration of the subsidy to the V. V. & E. railway. The delegation is some 25 strong, and they do not desire in any way to be confused with the minority of the same meeting, who were in opposition to the government ownership of railways and strengthening the hands of the delegation. None of the aboriginal representatives, however, were fortunate enough to catch the boat, and so the city council is not represented.

The city of New Westminster has sent a delegation consisting of Mayor J. H. Scott and Ald. W. H. Kearney, not alone for the purpose of taking up railway matters, with which they are of course in accord with the Vancouver delegation, but to represent the city by the Fraser on several matters now before the government. There are also present in the city from New Westminster Messrs. John Hendry, Alex. Even and D. J. Munn.

The Vancouver delegation comprises the following prominent gentlemen from the Terminal City: Dr. Carroll, H. E. Gilles, James Webster, E. C. Cargill, Otto Marstrand,

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They meet the government at 11 o'clock this morning.

Humors feed on humors—sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take.

TALE OF A LOST GOLD MINE.

Rediscovered on the Shores of the Arctic After Fifty Years.

No more romantic story of gold hunting has been told in recent years than that which explains the recent filling in this city of articles of incorporation of the Bear Mining Company, of Alaska, by Capt. Francis Tuttle, commander of the United States revenue cutter Bear; S. G. Simpson, Donald H. Smith, W. E. Hadley, Richard P. Burkman, and R. W. and Fred Zollner, sons of the Intelligencer. The formation of the company is the sequel to the finding of gold in Alaska on the shores of the Arctic ocean as long ago as 1850. Two whalers made the find, but neither lived to enjoy the fruits of the chance discovery, the story of which was for years scooped as a sailor's yarn by those to whom it was told.

It was only the dying statement of one of the men that received any credence. Half a century elapsed before anyone took even this story seriously enough to even attempt to verify it.

This attempt was made last summer during the Nome rush, through an expedition sent out by Mr. Simpson and Capt. Tuttle. W. E. Hadley and Richard P. Burkman, of this city, led the party. They not only found the gold mine discovered five decades ago, but verified every statement of the original discoverers as to its richness.

It was a letter addressed to Capt. Tuttle in April, 1900, by J. F. Dickey, a pilot rediscovered the gold mine found by the two whalers. In part the letter reads:

"As the great rush now seems to be towards the Alaskan gold fields, it brings to my mind the story of an old Arctic whaler Capt. De Bolse by name, told to me about twenty years ago. The latter said that years prior to that date he was up in the Arctic; that it was late in the season—September—and that they were working their way out. They anchored one day near the American shore. Two of the sailors took a boat and went ashore, where they discovered a number of gold lumps on the pack ground. They went to filling their pockets with them, but had been so engaged but a few minutes when the captain of the ship hailed them and told them to come aboard. The captain said that the men had, but he could take no chances, as the pack ice was coming in he had to weigh anchor and put off to prevent being caught in the Arctic for the winter. Capt. De Bolse always said that he wanted to go back; that he had heard of a man who had a ship with gold from that beach—it was so plentiful. He tried to get shipowners in San Francisco interested in the matter enough to fit him out with a vessel, but they would not take any stock in an old sailor's yarn, and he had no money of his own. Consequently he had to abandon the project. He was finally taken ill and came to San Diego for his health, but died there at the Bay-view hotel. I sat up with him a couple of nights during his sickness, when he told me several interesting stories.

"He also had a piece of ivory with him when he said he sawed from the tusk of a woolly elephant. The piece he had was about fifteen inches long and seven inches in diameter, and he told me the tusk that he sawed it from was fourteen feet in length.

"This man De Bolse seemed to be a truthful man. I have every confidence in his story. As the miners have got to that coarse gold range they are going to follow it up until they run it into the Arctic. They are now finding it on the headwaters of the Yukon and its tributaries on the north side, and as the Yukon makes a big bend and runs southwest into Behring sea the river must leave that range of mountains where they have found the coarse gold and continue on west to Behring strait and over into Siberia.

"If my recollection serves me right, Capt. De Bolse said they found this gold about 100 miles north of the strait."

The expedition which went in search of the De Bolse gold mine had a detailed description of the coast, its land marks, etc. That they found the identical spot, Mr. Hadley stated last night he had not the slightest doubt. While the surface nuggets were not so plentiful as the time of the discovery, they were nevertheless visible. Coarse gold was found lying on the surface in many places. Not a pan of dirt was washed that did not give from 5 cents to several dollars to the pan.

The expedition, numbering eight or ten men, embarked from Nome in a schooner, Hadley, Burkman and others left the vessel after passing through the strait in an open boat, and were twenty days in locating the beach described by De Bolse. The action of the elements and the tides had in many years changed the shore line considerably. Nevertheless, other land marks, unmistakable in character, were located, and by them the ground from which the sailors had filled their pockets with nuggets in 1850 was found. It is about 70 miles north of Behring strait and 130 miles from Nome.

Reports from Arkansas show the destruction by the storm of Saturday and Sunday were worse than at first reported. Sixteen people were killed.

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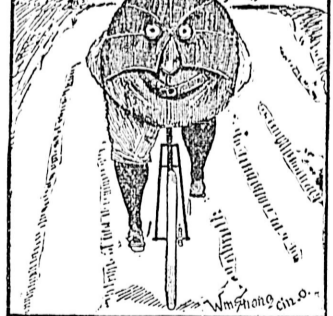
Notice is hereby given that from and after the 1st day of March next the provisions of the "Milk Vendors' By-Law" will be enforced, and all persons interested are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

Any person desiring a copy of this by-law, or of the necessary forms for use of Dairymen and Milk Vendors may obtain same at the City Clerk's office or from the undersigned.

By order, JAMES WILSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 7, 1901.



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CHURCHWAY—Near Douglas, 2 lots \$1,000 each. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

HUMBOLDT STREET—One lot, in a desirable locality, \$300. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

WHARF STREET—2 fine waterfront lots, exceptionally cheap, \$7,000 for the two. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LOT 120x330—Five minutes from centre of the city; only \$2,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

MOUNT TOLMIE ROAD—Opposite Jubilee Hospital; 8 acres, all cleared; will sell in single acreage extremely cheap; good building site; only \$100 per acre. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

BLANCHARD STREET—A nice cottage in a desirable locality. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

DALLAS ROAD—Modern 8-roomed dwelling, lot 60x240, tennis court, etc. will be sold very cheap. Also a new bungalow. Apply 40 Government street.

SUBURBAN RESIDENCES—A nice cottage, call and see our list. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LAKE DISTRICT—10 acres, all fenced; 7/4 cleared; good barns, etc.; 3/4 miles from city. \$5,000. One-third cash, and balance at 5 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA ARM—Five acres, all under cultivation, and good building site, \$1,250. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LAKE DISTRICT—10 acres, all under cultivation; 7-roomed house, good barns, etc.; orchard. Will exchange for one acre and good house in town. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

STRAWBERRY VALE PARK—3/4 miles from city, in blocks of five acres each; cheap, and very easy terms; from \$10 to \$100 per acre. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

NIAGARA STREET—1 1/2 lots and 2-story dwelling, \$1,500; exceptionally cheap and easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. price \$2,650.

EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE—Good stable and two lots, each 60x130; only 10 minutes from post office. Assessed \$3,000; apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ROCKLAND AVENUE—9-roomed modern dwelling, over 2 acres of ground, stables, etc., \$600.

TO L. T.—Suitable for fancy store, etc., the premises of the northeast corner of Douglas and Hastings streets. Will be made more attractive to suit incoming tenant.

JAMES BAY—Two 5-roomed houses, \$536 each; will be sold on very easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

OAK BAY—3/4 acres; cleared; very pretty site; cheap; \$1,000; \$200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA AND LAKE DISTRICTS—About 700 acres, within 5 miles from post office; 200 acres under cultivation; splendid soil; or will sell in lots to suit purchaser, very cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

TO LET—Fireproof warehouse, 2x70 feet. Thirty-five dollars per month. Rooms and offices. Bastion Square from \$200 per month. Apply 40 Government street.

JAMES BAY—Simcoe street, near Menzies, two nice lots, \$1,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VIEW STREET—Two full sized lots and old cottage, \$1,300. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA WEST—Several good lots, from \$100 to \$800 each. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

OAK BAY—A few good water lots left. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Two good lots off Esquimalt road; cleared; good building site; \$200 each; a bargain. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ST. LOUIS STREET—Two cottages and one 2-story dwelling; will be sold at a great bargain; either singly or together. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FORT STREET—Part of the Heywood Estate, just above Cook street; fine building site; prices reasonable; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

YATES STREET—Near corner of Douglas, good full-sized lot, \$1,600. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ROCKLAND AVENUE—Fine 2-story residence; one acre of land; grand view \$5750, terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

RICHARDSON STREET—Full lot and 7-roomed cottage, \$3,000; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

COOK AND NORTH PARK STREETS—2-story building, containing two stores, leased to responsible tenant, only \$2,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES BAY—Corner lot and four dwellings, cheap; only \$500 each; must be sold to clear the stock. Steam launch. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES ISLAND—On Saanich (one mile) 200 acres, 35 under cultivation; 100 cleared; balance good land; lots of good water; 5-roomed house, barns, etc.; or will exchange for fruit trees of all descriptions; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

CHATHAM STREET—(Near Cook Street)—Full lot, cottage of 6 rooms, \$1,100; exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOURTH STREET—2 1/2 acres; has been under cultivation; price, \$1,750; \$250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

SOMENOS LAKE—2 1/2 miles from Duncan's 250 acres; modern 11-roomed house; cottage, barns, orchards, etc.; or will subdivide to suit purchaser. Full particulars apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE—Good stable and two lots, each 60x130; only 10 minutes from post office; assessed, \$3,000; price \$2,650. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GORDON HEAD—Part of section 84, Victoria District; 10 acres, well adapted for small fruit or chicken ranch; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Handsome building site, just opposite Naval recreation grounds; cheap in order to close an estate. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LAKE DISTRICT—About 50 acres, partly slashed, adjoining a beautiful farm; very good soil and level ground; cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

THE ARM—1 1/2 acres, cleared, waterfront site for bungalow; electric light and water pipes running past premises; while amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent; \$3,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

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RITHEE STREET—Good 5-roomed cottage, bath, hot and cold water, well drained; lot 180 feet deep; \$1,400; very easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GLENFORD AVENUE (off Carey Road)—5 acres, cleared, good cottage, barn, chicken house, etc., \$1,650 (cheap). Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

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THE WEATHER.



Metorological Office,
Victoria, March 12-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.
An important high barometer area which appeared off California yesterday, has developed and is spreading over the entire Pacific Slope, where it will probably cause a temporary fair spell. Rain has fallen on the Washington Coast and on the lower Malahang, and considerable snow has fallen over the northern portion of the Territories. Battleford reports over one foot since yesterday.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	49
New Westminster	38	44
Kamloops	28	48
Barkerville	10	36
Calgary	12	38
Winnipeg	20	38
Portland, Ore.	40	50
San Francisco	46	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time).
Wednesday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, mostly westerly, generally fair, not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, mostly fair, not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 a. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	42	Mean.....45
Noon	46	Highest.....49
5 p.m.	47	Lowest.....41
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a.m.	42 miles.	
Noon	46 miles.	
5 p.m.	47 miles.	
Average state of sky—Cloudy.		
Sunshine—4 hours 18 minutes.		
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.60		
Corrected.....30.671		

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.16

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VICTORIA TIDES.

For the Month of March, 1901.
(Issued by the Hydrographic Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average low tide, and 15.3 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120 Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date	Day	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
1 P.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.
1 P.	1	1.5	10.7	1.2	10.7	1.2	10.7
2 P.	2	2.5	10.8	1.3	10.8	1.3	10.8
3 P.	3	3.5	10.9	1.4	10.9	1.4	10.9
4 P.	4	4.5	11.0	1.5	11.0	1.5	11.0
5 P.	5	5.5	11.1	1.6	11.1	1.6	11.1
6 P.	6	6.5	11.2	1.7	11.2	1.7	11.2
7 P.	7	7.5	11.3	1.8	11.3	1.8	11.3
8 P.	8	8.5	11.4	1.9	11.4	1.9	11.4
9 P.	9	9.5	11.5	2.0	11.5	2.0	11.5
10 P.	10	10.5	11.6	2.1	11.6	2.1	11.6
11 P.	11	11.5	11.7	2.2	11.7	2.2	11.7
12 M.	12	12.5	11.8	2.3	11.8	2.3	11.8
1 P.	1	1.5	11.9	2.4	11.9	2.4	11.9
2 P.	2	2.5	12.0	2.5	12.0	2.5	12.0
3 P.	3	3.5	12.1	2.6	12.1	2.6	12.1
4 P.	4	4.5	12.2	2.7	12.2	2.7	12.2
5 P.	5	5.5	12.3	2.8	12.3	2.8	12.3
6 P.	6	6.5	12.4	2.9	12.4	2.9	12.4
7 P.	7	7.5	12.5	3.0	12.5	3.0	12.5
8 P.	8	8.5	12.6	3.1	12.6	3.1	12.6
9 P.	9	9.5	12.7	3.2	12.7	3.2	12.7
10 P.	10	10.5	12.8	3.3	12.8	3.3	12.8
11 P.	11	11.5	12.9	3.4	12.9	3.4	12.9
12 M.	12	12.5	13.0	3.5	13.0	3.5	13.0
1 P.	1	1.5	13.1	3.6	13.1	3.6	13.1
2 P.	2	2.5	13.2	3.7	13.2	3.7	13.2
3 P.	3	3.5	13.3	3.8	13.3	3.8	13.3
4 P.	4	4.5	13.4	3.9	13.4	3.9	13.4
5 P.	5	5.5	13.5	4.0	13.5	4.0	13.5
6 P.	6	6.5	13.6	4.1	13.6	4.1	13.6
7 P.	7	7.5	13.7	4.2	13.7	4.2	13.7
8 P.	8	8.5	13.8	4.3	13.8	4.3	13.8
9 P.	9	9.5	13.9	4.4	13.9	4.4	13.9
10 P.	10	10.5	14.0	4.5	14.0	4.5	14.0
11 P.	11	11.5	14.1	4.6	14.1	4.6	14.1
12 M.	12	12.5	14.2	4.7	14.2	4.7	14.2
1 P.	1	1.5	14.3	4.8	14.3	4.8	14.3
2 P.	2	2.5	14.4	4.9	14.4	4.9	14.4
3 P.	3	3.5	14.5	5.0	14.5	5.0	14.5
4 P.	4	4.5	14.6	5.1	14.6	5.1	14.6
5 P.	5	5.5	14.7	5.2	14.7	5.2	14.7
6 P.	6	6.5	14.8	5.3	14.8	5.3	14.8
7 P.	7	7.5	14.9	5.4	14.9	5.4	14.9
8 P.	8	8.5	15.0	5.5	15.0	5.5	15.0
9 P.	9	9.5	15.1	5.6	15.1	5.6	15.1
10 P.	10	10.5	15.2	5.7	15.2	5.7	15.2
11 P.	11	11.5	15.3	5.8	15.3	5.8	15.3
12 M.	12	12.5	15.4	5.9	15.4	5.9	15.4
1 P.	1	1.5	15.5	6.0	15.5	6.0	15.5
2 P.	2	2.5	15.6	6.1	15.6	6.1	15.6
3 P.	3	3.5	15.7	6.2	15.7	6.2	15.7
4 P.	4	4.5	15.8	6.3	15.8	6.3	15.8
5 P.	5	5.5	15.9	6.4	15.9	6.4	15.9
6 P.	6	6.5	16.0	6.5	16.0	6.5	16.0
7 P.	7	7.5	16.1	6.6	16.1	6.6	16.1
8 P.	8	8.5	16.2	6.7	16.2	6.7	16.2
9 P.	9	9.5	16.3	6.8	16.3	6.8	16.3
10 P.	10	10.5	16.4	6.9	16.4	6.9	16.4
11 P.	11	11.5	16.5	7.0	16.5	7.0	16.5
12 M.	12	12.5	16.6	7.1	16.6	7.1	16.6

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THE DAWSON FIRE FIGHTERS

A Former Victorian Tells How They Manage in the Winter Time.

Special to the Colonist.
Dawson, Feb. 23.—I have just received a copy of your special issue of the 20th of January, and it does old Victoria credit. I don't believe it could be beaten on the Pacific coast. I was much interested in the letter by Tom Deasy, and your engravings describing the Victoria fire department. And I struck me while I read it that perhaps the people outside the pale of the Arctic Circle would be interested in the Dawson fire department is equipped to fight the fire. Considering the fact that Dawson is practically only four years old, it is safe to say that its fire department is unequalled by any city of its size in the world. Built entirely of wood, the buildings are packed together, heated by huge wood burners, consuming 3 and 4 foot lengths of fuel, the chimneys consisting of 6 stove pipes passing through metal protectors—with the exception of a few hanging brick chimneys—with absolutely no water on the town, as far as fire service is concerned, minus any alarm system, except the telephone, and with an Arctic climate to add to the difficulty, Chief Hector A. Stewart and his men have fought fire so far during the winter of 1900-1, so successfully that the fire loss will not reach \$15,000.

A summary of the fire army shows that the Dawson fire department consists of 21 paid men, and has two fire halls. It has three steam fire engines, the Watrous, No. 1, size, capacity, 1,100 gal.; the Clapp & Jones, and the "Ahrens," with a capacity of 700 gals. each; a double 80-gal. Champion chemical, a single 40-gal. Champion chemical, two hose wagons, three hose reels, and a Segrave truck. There being, as I said, no water works, the engines are kept in houses built on the ice of the Yukon, and at intervals of about 1,000 feet. These houses are connected with the fire halls by an electric line, which is rung when an alarm is turned in, notifying the engineers to fire up—from 15 to 25 pounds steam pressure is constantly kept by the use of Standard sapper heaters. Owing to the peculiar conditions existing from the fact that Dawson has in all 9,000 feet of hose, we fought fire this winter at 68 degrees below zero, and averaged a call a day through the month of January, during which month the thermometer registered nearly 60 degrees below zero for a fortnight on end, and never got above 10 degrees. At the Cribbs and Rogers fire we had six lines, 300 and 500 feet to a line. Using 7-inch and 1-inch nozzles, we pumped for 1 hour and 40 minutes, and drowned the fire out. I could not have used the hose much longer as the fire engine had reduced the calibre of the lines to about 1 inch. Then all that hose has to be broken by the aid of hot water and lung in the hose tower to draw out the hose, and the chemicals and the ladders are put together in a steam treatment for the same complaint. On the whole the life of a Dawson fireman is not all a dream of Paradise.

The Dawson City department can get on the street 15 seconds after an alarm is rung in, and the men are experienced. Several of the men are experienced firemen from the outside, and the rest are Dawson firemen with the experience that comes from two years' work at the same in Dawson. The chief, H. A. Stewart, is from Vancouver, and has been with the department since 1898. The cost of maintaining the Dawson fire department is between \$90,000 and \$100,000 per annum.

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CONSOLIDATED BY-LAWS.

Chief Langley Posting Himself on New Sections of City Statutes.

During the past year the by-laws of the city have been enforced more strictly than was the case before, and this rule is to be continued. At present Chief Langley is busy mastering the new sections incorporated in the by-laws during the revision, and will issue instructions to his officers. One of the by-laws which has been radically changed is that relating to laundry and washhouses. Under this every Chinese laundry in the city will have to be changed, the law providing among other things that the floor shall be of concrete, and in some cases it will be necessary for the laundrymen to move to comply with the provisions respecting the distance from the street and other matters. There is one clause particularly affecting the Chinese which the Chief is having printed in Chinese. It is as follows:

"Every laundry shall be maintained, conducted and carried on in a sanitary and decent manner, and so as to occasion no offence to anyone. No laundryman or person employed in a laundry shall sprinkle clothes in the process of wringing, pressing or ironing, by sprinkling or spouting from the mouth, nor shall they wash clothes with the hands, but all sprinkling shall be done by proper and cleanly appliances. No laundryman or person employed in a laundry shall deliver or cause to be delivered to, or for or take away from the house of any customer or person any clothes on a Sunday."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Kind Edward has received a number of addresses from delegates representing various churches. He assured them that it would be his constant care to maintain religious liberty and toleration and aid in the progress of truth, morality and peace.

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Cable Line Up the Coast

Col. Demville Has a Company Formed to Lay Cable to Skagway.

Would Serve All Coast Points in British Columbia and Alaska.

Col. James Demville, of St. John, N. B., formerly a prominent member of the Canadian House of Commons, arrived in the city yesterday from Seattle, accompanied by his son, Mr. Harry Demville. Col. Demville was in Victoria the other day just long enough to catch the steamer Esquimalt for Seattle, and he has been for several days in the latter city discussing the proposal of his company, the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, which was formed nearly two years ago to construct and operate a cable and telegraph system up the coast and thence to Dawson and Nome. Col. Demville says he received every encouragement from the practical men in Seattle with whom he conversed upon the subject, and if it should happen that the international aspect of the project hinders the capital he has secured in the Old Country from being invested in the system, he has every confidence that he can secure the necessary aid on the other side of the line.

"The cable must go," said Col. Demville yesterday evening, in discussing the matter, "and it would have gone, and would have been a finished and operating line direct from here to Dawson and Nome, and a great advantage to the Dominion government, concluded to construct their overland line, which is yet uncompleted, and which will never, when it is completed, enter into serious competition with a line such as our company proposed to construct."

"It is really a great coast system of telegraphs which will be constructed by our company. We have the charter to build to Dawson, and as that is Canadian, it is necessary to have similar powers on the United States side for those parts of the system which will be constructed on United States soil or laid in United States waters. With that there will be no difficulty, for the Americans are alive to the importance of the cable."

"Is it the intention of your company to build the line with a view to creating a service for all the up-coast points in the province and intervening localities on United States territory?" was asked.

"It Col. Demville.

"The intention of the company to build a line as will give service not only to the canneries and mining camps on the coast," was the Colonel's reply, "but by means of branch lines reach the interior on such rivers as the Skeena and Stikine."

"Juncos, Sitka and other Alaska points will be connected by the line, and the building of the line from Dawson to Nome will also be a feature of the scheme of construction. Our line will only be paralleled by the overland line on that part from Bennett to Dawson, a distance of 450 miles, and the advantages of the coast route for the line, over that of the inland route via Quesnel and Atlin, with its thousand miles of non-producing line and its expensive rate of maintenance through an almost unbroken wilderness, will be apparent as soon as it is opened for commercial business. It will cost much less to keep the cable system in repair, and the maintenance will be a trifling amount side that of the overland line. Of course I am not speaking from political

motives at all, but merely as a business proposition. Our company has decided to go ahead after waiting a year to see the effect of the construction of the government line.

"Over a year ago the necessary deposit was made with the government, and the company forwarded a quantity of wire for the land portions of the route, which still lies in the C. P. R. warehouses in Vancouver waiting the move to active construction."

Col. Demville returns to Seattle on the 16th, and after being there a few days, he will go direct to England. The line, if constructed by an American company, and possibly in any case, will have an extension to Seattle. The Colonel is enthusiastic over the success of his project, and says that there is also a possibility, more than likely to be realized, of an extension by way of Siberia, to connect with the Russian system, and thus to Western Europe, without the use of the Atlantic route. This, he points out, is really the same idea which the Western Union had in 1862, when they commenced the construction of a land line via Telegraph Creek, where there still remains some of the wire they left when they abandoned the scheme to go into the cable across the Atlantic. He says there is a cable from Nome to St. Michaels, and from thence it is only 40 miles to the Siberian coast, whence it could not be a difficult matter to arrange a connection with the Russian system.

Epworth League. — The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held their monthly literary meeting on Monday night. Mr. Court, of the first Canadian contingent, which recently returned from service in South Africa, gave a brief account of the experiences of the contingent in that country, which greatly interested all present, and Mr. Lewis gave a lantern exhibition, which was also much appreciated.

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